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For: COMPOUND HAVING PHENYLACETYLENE STRUCTURE, LIQUID CRYSTAL  
COMPOSITION, POLYMER, OPTICALLY ANISOTROPIC PRODUCT, OPTICAL  
OR LIQUID CRYSTAL ELEMENT, DIBENZOTHIOPHENE COMPOUND, INTERMEDIATE,  
AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of 176 pages  
\_\_\_\_\_ sheet(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ drawings  
☒ An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee  
☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)  
☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original \_\_\_\_\_ Photocopy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27  
\_\_\_\_\_ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.76

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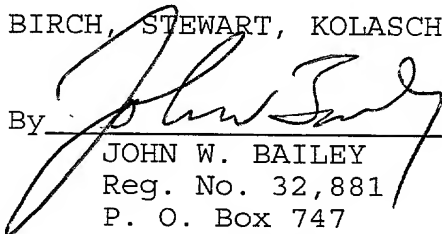
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